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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 35 as follows:

- [35] The pawl assembly 68 coacts with the actuator 46 for retaining the actuator 46 in a rotational position relative to the axis. Referring to Figures 2 and 3, the pawl assembly 68 cooperates with an elongated slot 70 to rotationally locate the actuator 46 relative to the housing 23 while permitting axially movement of the actuator 46 so that the rod 28 may push and pull the actuator 46 relative to the worm gear 36 during adjustment. The pawl assembly 68 includes a knob 42 to permit manipulation of the pawl assembly by a technician for manual adjustment of the slack adjuster 18. A shaft 74 extends from the knob 72 and is received within the bore 66. The shaft 74 includes a pair of annular grooves 76 receiving O-ring 78 for providing a seal between the pawl assembly 68 and the housing 23. The elongated slot 70 includes an enlarged opening 80 sized to receive an end 82 of the pawl, which is best shown in Figure 4. The pawl assembly 68 includes neck 84 adjacent to the end 82 that is narrower than the diameter of the end 82. Referring to Figures 4-5B, when the pawl assembly 68 is installed for normal operation of the slack adjuster 18, the end 82 extends into the actuator 46 such that the neck 84 is captured by a lip 86 defined by the elongated slot 70.